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HOUSE BILL 1593

By: Representatives Gilbert and McCoy

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO NOTIFY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS OF THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS TO CHILDREN REPORTED AS MISSING; TO REQUIRE A NOTATION ON OR ATTACHED TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND SCHOOL RECORDS THAT A CHILD HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. (a) When a law enforcement officer is notified by the parents, guardian or other person having custody of a child that the child is missing, the law enforcement officer shall within five business days after being so notified, inform by certified mail return receipt requested the Division of Vital Records of the Department of Health and the superintendent of the school where the child was attending that the child has been reported as missing. The Division of Vital Records shall, enter on or attach to the child's birth certificate a notice that the child has been reported missing, and the school shall make or attach the same notation on the child's school records.

(b) When the Division of Vital Records receives a request for the birth certificate of a child which has been reported missing, the Division shall within five business days after receipt of the inquiry notify the law enforcement officer and furnish the law enforcement officer the name, address and telephone number if known of the person making the inquiry. The notice to the law enforcement officer shall be by certified mail return receipt requested.

(c) When a school receives a request for the records of a child who has been reported missing, the school shall, within five business days (excluding days when the school is closed) after receipt of the inquiry, notify the law enforcement officer and furnish the law enforcement officer the name, address

and telephone number if known of the person making the inquiry. The notice shall be by certified mail return receipt requested.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

